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Chairman: Mr. GARVALOV

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The meeting was called to order at 10.45 a.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIFTIETH SESSION UNDER ARTICLE 9, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE CONVENTION (agenda item 10) (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that it had adopted all the chapters of its draft report at the previous meeting. He would now invite the Committee to adopt the report as a whole, as amended.

2. The report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

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3. The CHAIRMAN said that, with the adoption of its report, the Committee had completed a successful and productive session. It had considered the reports of eight States parties and entered into a fruitful dialogue with them. It had adopted concluding observations on those reports, together with a number of decisions, one of which, adopted under the early-warning and urgent procedures system, was of particular importance. He believed that the session had demonstrated the existence of a progressive trend whereby States parties were increasingly encouraged to work with the Committee and to seek its advice.

4. In his consultation with the Secretary-General, he had been heartened by the great importance which the Secretary-General attached to the Committee's work, in particular its good offices in the field of the prevention of discrimination. The early-warning and urgent procedures system was now in operation. The joint meeting of the Committee and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities had been a valuable step towards building closer cooperation with the other human rights bodies of the United Nations.

5. On behalf of the Committee, he thanked Mr. Ayala Lasso, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Mr. Fall, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, for their assistance and promise of support and for the opportunity he and the Committee had been given to participate in an exchange of views with them. He was sure that that valuable cooperation would continue.

6. Also on behalf of the Committee, he thanked Mrs. Helga Klein, Chief of the International Instruments Branch of the Centre for Human Rights, and her staff, and Mr. Michael O'Flaherty, Secretary of the Committee, for their contribution to the success of the session. He also expressed the Committee's appreciation for the contribution of the non-governmental organization ARIS (Anti-racism Information Service). In conclusion, he extended his thanks and good wishes for the future to each member of the Committee.

7. After an exchange of courtesies in which Mr. FERRERO COSTA, Mr. SHERIFIS, Mr. SONG SHUHUA, Mr. VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ, Mr. SHAHI, Mr. VAN BOVEN, Mr. WOLFRUM, Mr. AHMADU, Mr. DIACONU, Mr. YUTZIS, Mrs. SADIQ ALI, Mr. RECHETOV and Mr. DE GOUTTES took part, the CHAIRMAN declared the forty-seventh session of the Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 12.15 p.m.